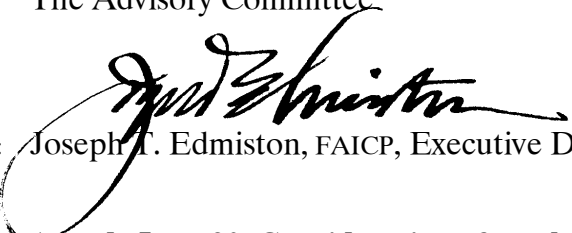


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: July 28, 2003

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 20: Consideration of resolution amending the Newhall Pass Wildlife Corridor--West of I-5 Project Plan to include additional land in East Canyon/Leaming Canyon between Santa Clarita Woodlands Park and The Old Road, unincorporated Newhall area.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution amending the Newhall Pass Wildlife Corridor--West of I-5 Project Plan to include additional land in East Canyon/Leaming Canyon between Santa Clarita Woodlands Park and The Old Road, unincorporated Newhall area.

Legislative Authority: Section 33210 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Conservancy adopted the Newhall Pass Wildlife Corridor - West of I-5 Project Plan at its January 22, 2001 meeting. At its March 24, 2003 meeting, the Conservancy amended the project plan to include two additional parcels (2827-028-016 and 017).

The recommended action would add two additional parcels, APN's 2826-025-002 and 016, to the Newhall Pass Wildlife Corridor - West of I-5 Project Plan. The parcels comprise almost 12 acres in the mouth of Leaming Canyon. Santa Clarita Woodlands Park lies adjacent to the properties to the south, east, and west. The parcels contain coast live oak, California walnut woodland, and valley oak habitat.

Agenda item 19 briefly describes adding the parcels to the Conservancy's Acquisition Workprogram. Agenda item 21 recommends acquisition of the parcels and provides further background information on the project.